

over \$20 million during 2002. More than 85,000 law enforcement officers participated in the event worldwide last year, and an estimated 2,000 law enforcement officers representing 60 local and Federal law enforcement agencies will participate in this year's event.

Though the torch run will not occur until June 6, the District of Columbia Special Olympics is hosting their summer games this week on the campus of Catholic University. The sponsors of the event work with the Architect of the Capitol and the United States Capitol Police to comply with all applicable regulations relating to the use of the Capitol Grounds.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join the law enforcement community in supporting the special Olympics and join me in supporting this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this event needs little introduction. 2003 marks the 35th anniversary of the D.C. Special Olympics. The torch relay event is a traditional part of the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics in the District of Columbia.

Each year, approximately 2,500 Special Olympians compete in over a dozen events. More than 1 million children and adults with special needs participate in the Special Olympics worldwide programs. The event is supported by literally thousands of volunteers.

The goal of the games is to help bring mentally challenged individuals into larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted and respected. Confidence and self-esteem are the building blocks of these Olympic games.

I enthusiastically support the resolution and the very worthwhile endeavor of the Special Olympics. I urge support for House Concurrent Resolution 128.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my full support for House Concurrent Resolution 128, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 2003 DC Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

This event occurs in over 35 countries, but was founded by the Chief of Police in Wichita, Kansas, who saw a unique opportunity to raise funds and increase awareness about the Special Olympics. The event was then adopted by the International Association of Police Chiefs.

This is the 18th year the event has been held on the Capitol Grounds, and each year it is the largest single grass-roots fundraising event for the Special Olympics.

Every two years, law enforcement officers representing their State or Nation's Torch Run program comprise a final leg team which carries the "Flame of Hope" into the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics World Games.

I am proud to support this resolution, and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 128.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Concurrent Resolution 128, H.R. 281, and H.R. 517, the matters just considered by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DELBERT L. LATTA POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 985) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 985

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, shall be known and designated as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 985.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 985, introduced by my distinguished colleague from the State of Ohio (Mr. GILLMOR), designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling

Green, Ohio, as the Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, this is a special day for this House as we have a chance here to honor one of our own former Members. U.S. Representative Delbert Latta, or Del, as he was affectionately known, worked 30 years for the people of the great State of Ohio's fifth district. He was one of the House's most devoted Members, and I am proud to be a part of these proceedings to honor him today.

Del grew up in northwest Ohio before serving our country in the Ohio National Guard and Marine Corps Reserve. After graduating from Ohio Northern University's law school in 1943, Del Latta began to practice law in Bowling Green. Ten years later, he sought and won a seat in the Ohio State senate, to which he was reelected two times. Finally, in November of 1958, Del Latta was elected to the 86th Congress, beginning a career where he spent most of his time fighting for fiscal prudence.

Not known as one of this body's most attention-seeking Members, Congressman Latta was definitely one of its most diligent. He held pivotal seats on the Committee on Rules, the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on the Budget during his time in the House. In 1975, he became the ranking member of the Committee on the Budget, a post he held for 13 years until his retirement. In that position, Del Latta played an important role by consistently fighting for budget-balancing measures and against wasteful government spending. He was the dean of his home State of Ohio's congressional delegation when he chose to not seek reelection in 1988, and he returned home to Bowling Green.

In addition, perhaps the most suitable aspects of renaming this post office building after Congressman Latta is the fact that this very facility once housed Congressman Latta's district office in Bowling Green.

Therefore, I urge all Members to recognize the public service career of former Ohio Congressman Del Latta by supporting the passage of H.R. 985. I thank my colleague from Ohio for introducing this important measure.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 985, legislation which names a postal facility in Bowling Green, Ohio, after Delbert L. Latta. H.R. 985, introduced by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GILLMOR) on February 27, 2003, has met the committee cosponsorship requirement and enjoys the support of the entire Ohio delegation.

Delbert L. Latta is a former Member of Congress who represented the Fifth Congressional District in Ohio from 1959 to 1989. A native of "Beautiful

Ohio," the title of the State song, Mr. Latta was born and educated in the State whose motto is, "With God all things are possible." He went on to serve in the Ohio National Guard and the U.S. Marines before settling down and practicing law in Bowling Green.

Prior to his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Delbert Latta served in the State senate for three terms. In November of 1958, he was elected to the 86th Congress. During his 30 years in Congress, Representative Latta served on the House Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Rules. In 1988, Representative Latta decided not to run for reelection and returned home to Bowling Green, Ohio, where he is active in numerous community and civic organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GILLMOR) for seeking to honor former Congressman Del Latta in this matter, and I urge swift passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I have no additional requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GILLMOR), the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

I am very pleased to rise and ask my colleagues to support H.R. 985, which would duly honor a man who was my predecessor in this body, Congressman Del Latta. Del served for 30 years in this Chamber, and it was 30 years of distinguished service to the people of the fifth district of Ohio.

It designates the post office at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green as the Delbert L. Latta Post Office building, and I think it is particularly appropriate, because Del spent a great deal of time in that building. During most of his career in Congress, his congressional office was located there.

He was born in Weston, Ohio, in Wood County. He attended Findlay College and Ohio Northern University; and before World War II, from 1938 to 1941, he served in the Ohio National Guard and in the U.S. Army. He was in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1942 to 1943. He was admitted to practice law in 1944. He served later in the Ohio senate for three terms, from 1953 to 1958. After some gap in service, I had the privilege of also representing that State senate district. He was elected to the 86th Congress in November 1958.

During his tenure, he had a number of very important assignments: the Committee on Rules; the Committee on the Budget, where he was ranking minority member; and he also served three terms on the House Committee on Agriculture. He was very well known as the cosponsor of the Graham-Latta bill, which was a major tax cut bill in the Reagan administration. And after deciding he would not run for re-

election in 1988, he returned to his home in Bowling Green, and Del remains active in the community today.

Among his achievements in public service are his involvement in the Watergate hearings and his role as dean of the Ohio delegation. The character, hard work, and the commitment he brought to public life had a significant effect on our State and on our Nation's public policy, and his accomplishments should not go unnoticed.

So I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers on this issue, and I want to again thank the gentleman from Ohio for introducing this important legislation. I urge all Members to support the adoption of this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 985.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF FORMER SPEAKER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MATTHEW J. RYAN

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 178) honoring the life and work of former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan and offering the deepest condolences of the United States House of Representatives to his wife and family on his death.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 178

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, led a distinguished career of public service devoted to the United States and the State of Pennsylvania;

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956;

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan began his service to the 168th District of Pennsylvania in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1962;

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan was elected Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1981, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, and 2003;

Whereas Matthew J. Ryan was the second longest serving Member and the third longest serving Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in its 321 year history;

Whereas Speaker Ryan's ability to negotiate with and unite Members possessing differing viewpoints in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives contributed to the betterment of Pennsylvania throughout his six terms as Speaker;

Whereas Speaker Ryan will be remembered for his quick wit and gracious demeanor, attributes which endeared him to colleagues and citizens alike;

Whereas Speaker Ryan received hundreds of awards and commendations during his four decades of service, including the National Conference of State Legislators' "Legislator of the Year Award" and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year Award"; and

Whereas the "Speaker Matthew J. Ryan Building" of the Pennsylvania Capitol complex will forever serve as a testament to Speaker Ryan's faithful service to the State and as a reminder of his unwavering leadership in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States House of Representatives honors the outstanding life and work of former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan and offers its deepest condolences to his wife and family on his death.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY).

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 178, introduced by my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), honors the life and work of former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan and offers the deepest condolences of the United States House of Representatives to his wife and family on his death.

Mr. Speaker, Matthew Ryan was one of the most influential public servants in the great State of Pennsylvania for more than 20 years. After winning his first term to the State House in 1981, he ultimately rose to the level of Speaker where he served the longest tenure as House Speaker of any Republican in Pennsylvania history.

Speaker Ryan was a well-regarded member of the Pennsylvania State House, largely due to his close relations with all representatives of both parties. Current Pennsylvania Governor, Ed Rendell, a Democrat, kindly spoke to Speaker Ryan's effectiveness and affability, saying that he consistently provided "strong and effective leadership without resorting to destructive partisanship."

Governor Tom Ridge, who is now the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, often spoke in affectionate terms of the positive working relationship he had with Speaker Ryan; and similarly, Governor Mark Schweiker, who followed Governor Ridge, talked of Matt Ryan in the most endearing of terms.

Longtime Delaware County GOP Chairman Thomas Judge, Sr. has said, "You couldn't get mad at him. He was just an individual who would say he would disagree with you, and he certainly would give his viewpoint, but when you left the room, you were friends. He never held a grudge."

Because of this respect, Speaker Ryan's colleagues in the legislature